



Engaging Communities to Advance Environmental Health Policy

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September 7, 2011

8:00 Continental breakfast

9:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Charge to Participants

Beth Anderson, NIEHS

Claudia Thompson, NIEHS

Peter Thorne, University of Iowa, College of Public Health

9:30 **Land Use and Planning – We know it is important; how can we inform the process?**

Environmental health researchers, practitioners, and community groups increasingly recognize the inter-connectedness of land use and planning to human health. But how can we engage decision-makers to promote healthier community environments? There are many policy and decision support tools that inform changes to the built environment, including health impacts assessments, zoning, environmental impact statements, and land use and transportation plans. In this session, we will hear from a panel on different topics related to engaging policy and decision makers about land use and planning.

(3, 10 min presentations with Q&A)

Presenters/Panelists:

Doug Farquhar, National Conference of State Legislatures

Joe Bolkcom, Iowa Senate

Ellin Reisner, Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership

Moderator:

David Osterberg, University of Iowa, College of Public Health

10:30 Break

10:45 Breakouts – Two or three concurrent breakout discussions will focus on common questions related to the morning panel presentations.

Moderators:

Katrina Smith Korfmacher, EHSC Community Outreach and Engagement Core

Steve Wallace, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Doug Brugge, Tufts University School of Medicine

12:00 Lunch (on your own – see list of local restaurants walking distance of the Sheraton)



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Network with your colleagues and/or build-off the conversations from the morning session.

1:30

Communities and policy change: Comparing and contrasting environmental health mobilization in urban and rural settings.

Rural communities face many environmental health challenges, including environmental justice issues – some similar, some different to urban communities. Organizations – and organizers – tend to work in either rural OR urban settings, with few opportunities for cross-fertilization. Recognizing the importance of context and culture, this session will explore the shared challenges and successful strategies to work in partnership with communities to engage policy makers. The session will also identify and discuss the key differences, and what those differences mean for successful policy innovations.

(4, 10 min presentations with Q&A)

Presenters/Panelists:

Lynn Henning, Michigan Sierra Club

Bahia Nightengale, Golden Hills Resource Conservation & Development

Jose Belardo, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Region VII, Kansas City

David Goodner, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Moderator:

Edith Parker, University of Iowa, College of Public Health

2:45

Break

3:00

Breakouts – Two or three concurrent breakout discussions will focus on common questions related to the afternoon panel presentations.

Moderators:

David Osterberg, University of Iowa, College of Public Health

Edith Parker, University of Iowa, College of Public Health

Jessica Trowbridge, University of California, San Francisco

4:15

Large group discussion and summary of key points from breakouts

Beth Anderson, NIEHS

Liam O'Fallon, NIEHS

5:00

Adjourn

Special thanks to our planning committee: Esther Baker, Doug Brugge, Katrina Smith Korfmacher, David Osterberg, Edith Parker, Jessica Trowbridge, and Steven Wallace